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To Our Esteemed Governor and the Connecticut Legislators:

I am the Development Director with Bethsaida Community, Inc. in Norwich. Bethsaida Community has been providing temporary supportive housing to women for over 22 years through our Katie Blair House (KBH) Program.

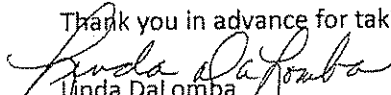
The Katie Blair House program has helped hundreds of women in desperate situations to become independent, contributing members of society through the support, encouragement and direction they receive at our house. More often than not, the KBH is their home, their safety net and their shining light in times of darkness.

Through our case management and life skills trainings, many of our women have become gainfully employed, learned basic skills to put to use in their daily living such as: cooking, balancing a checkbook, food shopping, parenting skills, preparing a resume, dressing for an interview and much more. Some of the women have sought to further their education to secure an even better job or enter into a profession. These new found skills have given each and every one of them a sense of worth unimaginable to them before they became a part of this program.

These newly found abilities are just a small glimpse at what temporary supportive housing can be for so many unfortunate women. Cutting the DSS budget will make it virtually impossible to keep our doors open to women in need. If we can no longer run this amazing program, where will these women go.....back on the streets, using drugs and alcohol, being incarcerated, prostitution, unemployed and back in the system? Is this what we want?

Generally, we try to be quite optimistic about the agency's financials, but as you can imagine in this struggling economy we have already taken some major cuts from our donors. To get a cut of this magnitude will be devastating to Bethsaida Community, Inc. and to these struggling women.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to listen and hear.


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